

REMARKS

I. 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-20, 22 and 24-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement and second paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. For the reasons set forth below, applicant overcomes this section 112 rejection.

Applicant has canceled claims 7, 20 and 29-34 rendering this section 112 rejection moot relative thereto.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 5, 18, 22 and 29 to more clearly recite the invention and overcome the technical deficiencies noted by the examiner. More particularly, applicant has amended the independent claims to remove the objected to "means for" language and replaced it with "a motor configured to" rotate or drive the support arms and clutch unit.

Applicant contends that one skilled in the art would recognize the myriad of structural mechanism which would support the support arms including the inherent fact that the supports arms, clutch units and various components could be at ground level such that passengers access the central stationary unit by traversing an overpass, bridge or similar device providing a walkway above the moving units. In addition, one skilled in the art would recognize that simple arms extending from the central stationary unit could support the outer ring and clutch ring. Such knowledge is basic engineering which is known to the skilled person or could be learned with undue experimentation.

Accordingly, based on the foregoing, claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-19, 22 and 35-37 are deemed allowable.

Claims 2, 5-9, 19, 20, 22, 29, 32, 33 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. For the reasons set forth below, applicant overcomes this section 112 rejection.

Applicant has canceled claims 7, 20, 29, 32 and 33 rendering this section 112 rejection moot relative thereto.

Applicant has amended claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 19 and 22 to more clearly define the elements of

the invention. Based on the amendments and the arguments above, claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 19, 22, 29 and 34 are deemed allowable.

II. Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and, accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Should any questions remain regarding the allowability of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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